

Chapter Eighteen

Taqleed, following the opinions of someone

Tradition 18.1

Ali has narrated from Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Khalid, who heard from Abdullah bin Yahiha who heard from Ibne Musqan who narrates from Abu Basir, who has said the following:

Someone narrated the following Ait in front of Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq^{a.s}, ‘Tahazo(9:31)’ meaning that Christians have deserted Allah^{swt}. in the favour of their scholars and peers, and requested the meaning of this verse. Imam^{a.s}. replied, Christians were not asked to worship their scholars and peers, if they were asked to do so, by their priests, they would have rejected them. Instead, their peers turned their Halal into Haram and converted their Haram into Halal. They (Christians) followed their priests (did taqleed) and therefore worshiped them indirectly.

Tradition 18.2

Mohammed bin Ubeda has narrated from **Imam Musa Kazim^{a.s}**, the following:

O Mohammed! do you Shia listen to your Imam^{a.s} more or your enemies do? I replied, they do the taqleed of their leaders and similarly we follow you. Imam^{a.s} replied I did not mean this. I then, said, I am unable to reply to your question. Imam^{a.s} explained: The ‘Margia sect’¹ followed an Imam whose taqleed was not mandatory upon them, whereas you followed those whose mastership was obligatory onto you. But even then you did not follow your Imam^{a.s}. Indeed, in terms of taqleed they are better than you (shias).

Tradition 18.3

Muhammad ibn ‘Isma’il has narrated from al-Fadl ibn Shadhan from Hammed ibn ‘Isa from Rib’i ibn ‘Abdallah from abu Basir from **Abu ‘Abdallah^{a.s}** who has said the following.

"They (unconditionally) obeyed the rabbis and the monks and worshipped the Messiah, son of Mary, as they should have obeyed God . . . (9:31).'"By Allah, they (the people) did not pray or fast for them (rabbis and monks) but their (rabbis and monks) made lawful

¹ The followers of Muawia^{l.a}.

for the people what was unlawful and unlawful what was lawful and thus people followed them on all these matters."

All praise belongs to Allah^{swt} May Allah^{swt} send peace and blessings upon Hazrat Muhammad^{saww} and his holy progeny.